



THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SERVICES UNIT



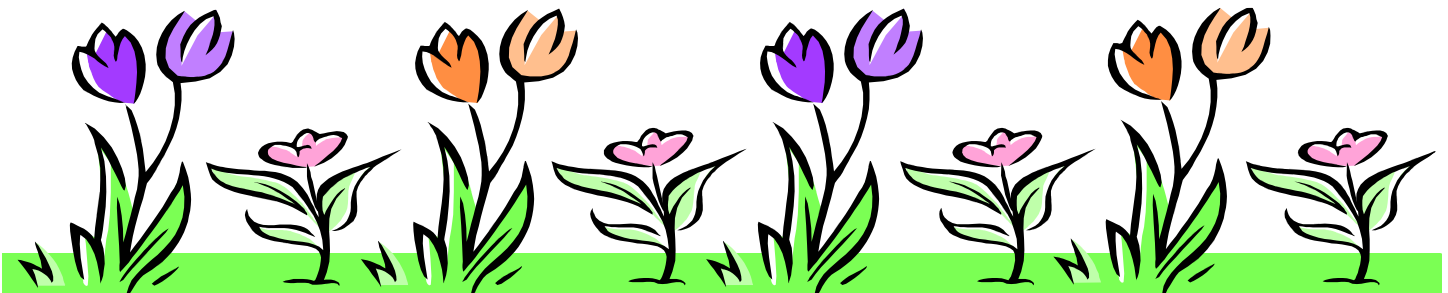
Cobb County...Expect the Best!

SPRING QUARTER 2006

April - June



Registration Will Be Held
March 15th, 2006



Serving Special People With Special Needs

**Cobb County Parks, Recreation
& Cultural Affairs Department
Therapeutic Recreation Services Unit**

555 Nickajack Road, Mableton, GA 30126
Office Hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday
Phone Number: (770) 819-3215, Fax Number: (770) 819-3218

Mission Statement

The Cobb Therapeutic Recreation Services program strives for each participant to function at his/her highest level of ability in the least restrictive environment. The program goals are to increase socialization skills, community awareness, emotional and physical well being, and to learn new leisure skills through participation in structured recreation activities that are safe and fun.

Purpose

To provide recreational & leisure educational opportunities for all special populations including, but not limited to individuals with:

Developmental Disabilities	Learning Disabilities
Physical Disabilities	Hearing Impairments
Attention Deficit Disorder	Autism

**SOCIAL CLUBS & SPECIAL EVENTS
16 years of age and up**

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ADA Compliance

The Cobb County Board of Commissioners complies with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 Public Law 101-336 (ADA), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability--requiring that no qualified individual with a disability shall on the basis of a disability, be denied the benefits of Cobb County Services, programs, activities, or employment with Cobb County.

If you have a specific physical or service accessibility need, please make the staff that work with the program / facility which you plan to use, aware of what you need so that we can reasonably accommodate you. Further information can be obtained from the Cobb County Government ADA Coordinator at 770-528-2655 (Voice) or 770-528-1103 (TDD). This notice is available in alternate format - audiotape, computer disk, large print, or Braille. To obtain the alternate format please call (770) 528-2655.

Important Information

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

1. When arriving at or departing from a program, **please CHECK-IN with the TRS staff before you leave or take your participant.**
2. Please contact the TRS office at 770-819-3215, if your participant will be absent from a program.
3. **Parents/Guardians should be prompt in picking up their participant** at the end of the program. Both staff and volunteers would greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter, as they often have additional work responsibilities following a program.

IF YOU ARE LATE arriving at Roswell St. Baptist Church (RSBC) to pick up your participant, you must pick them up at the main Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs office (CSP), 1792 County Services Parkway, Marietta GA 30008.

Behavior Code of Conduct

TRS participants are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior at all times. The following guidelines have been developed to help make TRS programs safe and enjoyable for all participants. Additional rules may be developed for the particular programs and athletic leagues as deemed necessary by staff.

Participants will:

1. Show respect to all participants and staff and follow all directions given by staff.
2. Abusive or foul language will not be tolerated.
3. Refrain from causing bodily harm to self, other participants, or staff.
4. Show respect for equipment, supplies, and facilities.
5. Refrain from smoking or consuming alcoholic beverages during Cobb County events and outings.

Discipline: A positive approach will be used regarding discipline. Staff will periodically review rules with participants during the program session. If inappropriate behavior occurs, prompt resolution will be sought specific to each individual situation. TRS reserves the right to dismiss from the program a participant whose behavior endangers the safety of themselves or others.

The Buddy System: If staff consistently observes disruptive behavior, according to the Code of Conduct, it will be brought to the attention of the parent/guardian. TRS staff will determine if the participant will require a "buddy" to attend future programs. TRS staff will try to assist the parent/guardian in finding a "buddy", however, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to find a partner for the participant in order to continue to attend future programs. When the participant's behavior improves, the TRS staff will assess the progress of the participant to determine if the "buddy" is still needed. If disruptive behavior continues, the participant will be excused from the program. If a "buddy" is needed for a participant, there may be additional costs for them to attend any event(s) - this is the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

Lost and Found: TRS staff is not responsible for personal items that are left at a program. Please help us keep track of your participant's belongings by labeling all items (including clothing) they bring to programs. Contact TRS to inquire about lost and found items.

Participant Medical Information (PMI): Returning Participants are required to submit a PMI form every year during the spring registration. If at any time information changes, please call TRS or mail an updated form. Forms may be obtained from the TRS office. Any new participant must complete a PMI form before beginning any activities with the TRS Unit.

Dispensing of Medication: If a participant is in need of assistance (other than a reminder) to take prescription medication, a permission form allowing TRS Staff to administer the medication must be completed by the parent or guardian before attending any program.

Atlanto-axial Dislocation Condition: Individuals with Down's Syndrome are at risk of having ADC which allows increased mobility of the first and second neck bones. For the safety of TRS participants, individuals with Down's Syndrome will not be allowed to participate in activities such as swimming, gymnastics, aerobics, which could injure the neck area, unless they have a doctor's excuse stating they are free of ADC. An x-ray by a doctor is necessary to detect if the condition is present.

REGISTRATION POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Mail In Registration:

Registration is March 15, 2006. Mail registration form and payment to:

***Therapeutic Recreation Services
555 Nickajack Road
Mableton, GA 30126***

(Make checks or money orders payable to: CCPRCAD)

Walk In Registration

Wednesday, March 15th ONLY - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Payment Policy

Full payment of program fees must be included with the registration form. No partial payments will be accepted. **We now accept MasterCard & Visa.** You may call in your registration and give your credit card number over the phone or walk-in with your credit card. Please **do not** write your credit card number on the registration form and mail in. *Make checks payable to CCPRCAD* and put driver's license number on your check. **THERE WILL BE A \$25 FEE ON ANY CHECKS RETURNED UNPAID BY YOUR BANK.**

Non-Resident Policy

A mandatory fee will be charged to all out-of-county residents participating in a Cobb County program. The out-of-county fee is twice the fee per person, per program, not to exceed \$25.00.

Refund Policy

1. A \$5.00 administration fee will be charged for all refunds.
2. Refunds (- \$5.00) will be issued only if TRS has not incurred costs due to purchase of tickets, rentals, supplies, refreshments, deposits, etc. Requests for a refund must be made a minimum of 48 hours before the program.
3. Participants will not receive a refund or credit for any missed special events or social club events or other programs.
4. Social Clubs must be PAID IN FULL. No Exceptions.
5. Refunds will be processed at the end of the quarter.

Inclement Weather

If a program is canceled due to weather, the program will be made up at a later date or refunds issued.

Other Resources.....

Cobb Association for Retarded Citizens (Cobb ARC) 770-427-8401

Check out the TRS & SOGA-Cobb calendar of events on the main Cobb County website at:
www.cobbcounty.org

Click on 'Event Calendar' near the top left of the webpage to see ALL County events

HOW TO CONTACT TRS STAFF MEMBERS

Clintina Mitchell.....Recreation Coordinator
Unit Manager
770-819-3223 or Clintina.Mitchell@cobbcounty.org

Tiffani Ephrom.....Recreation Programmer
Special Events and Classes
770-819-3257 or Tiffani.Ephrom@cobbcounty.org

Kevin Hill.....Recreation Specialist
Social Clubs and Volunteers
770-819-3256 or Kevin.Hill@cobbcounty.org
Ethel Mott.....Recreation Leader
Demond Nash.....Recreation Leader

Cara Lynn.....Recreation Specialist
Thompson Community Center Manager
770-819-3215 or Cara.Lynn@cobbcounty.org
Michelle Henderson.....Recreation Leader

Ann Bonds.....Special Olympics Georgia-Cobb
770-819-3262 or Ann.Bonds@cobbcounty.org

Kim Battiste.....Special Olympics Georgia-Cobb
770-819-3261 or Kimberly.Battiste@cobbcounty.org

Yes, we have e-mail now! If you e-mail us, please allow us time to reply. Staff may be out of the office frequently for programs. If you need immediate attention, you can cross-copy Cara and she will be sure to get the message to them as soon as possible.

CLASSES

GRANT FUNDED ART CLASS

Are you ready to learn to take a lasting snapshot? Enhance your skills while having fun with your friends. Take pictures and explore the beauty of nature and the outdoors while making lasting memories with your photos.

***MUST CALL IN TO REGISTER! ONLY THE FIRST 15 CALLERS WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND THIS FREE CLASS.** Call 770-819-3257. **MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND ALL FOUR CLASSES.** Also, please check the class on the registration form if you've called to register.

LOCATION: Thompson Park Community Center, Nickajack Rd, Mableton

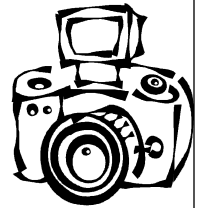
DATES: Monday's: April 10 & 24, May 8 & 15

TIMES: 6:30pm-8pm

FEE: FREE

***NO TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED**

MAXIMUM: 15



As with all of our programs, ages 16 & up

In addition to the class, we have incorporated several free field trips for **All** of the participants enrolled this quarter and those whom participated in the Fall 2005 and Winter 2006 quarter art classes:

High Museum of Art in Atlanta on Tuesday, April 11th from 9am-2pm

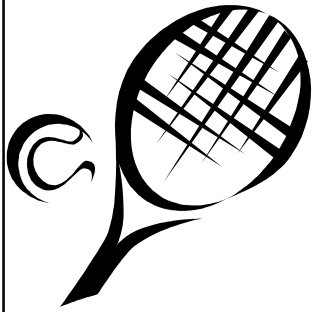
Art Station at Big Shanty in Kennesaw on Tues., April 18th from 9am-2pm

*Transportation will be provided for both of these day trips. Pickup & Drop-off points to be announced. Participants are asked to please bring money for their lunch.

There will be a gallery showing at the historic Mable House on Floyd Road in Mableton, where all of our artwork will be displayed from May 21st and ending on May 23rd from 2-4 daily. No transportation will be provided.

On Wednesday, May 24th from 4-8pm all of the art pieces will be on exhibition at the Thompson Community Center before taking your projects home. No transportation will be provided.

CLASSES & SPECIAL EVENTS



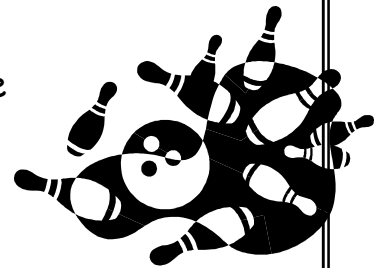
TENNIS CLASS

Well, it's that time again. Tennis anyone? Come learn how to play like a pro. Bring your water bottle, tennis racquet and a towel. Please wear proper attire, including tennis shoes. Please eat dinner before you come.

LOCATION: Lost Mountain Park Tennis Center
4845 Dallas Highway, Powder Springs
DATES: Wednesday's: April 12, 26, May 10 & 17, June 14 & 21
TIMES: 7pm-8pm
FEE: \$20
NO TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED
MAXIMUM: 8

BOWLING CLASS

Come out and enhance your skills while enjoying the excitement of bowling with friends.



LOCATION: Brunswick Zone Bowling Alley
2750 Austell Rd., Austell
DATES: Thursday's - April 13, 20, 27 and May 4, 11 & 18
TIMES: 2pm-4pm
FEE: \$30 per person
*NO TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED
MAXIMUM: 30

SPECIAL EVENTS

THE HUNT

Come take part in Cobb County's largest Easter egg hunt. There will be children's art activities, a Mad Hatter contest for the best hat created by the children, pony rides, live music, concessions and see the Easter Bunny. Egg hunts, parking and admission are free. Don't forget your baskets! No transportation provided.

MARCH 25th at Jim Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Road, Marietta

10:00 am	Park Opens	12:00 pm	4 & 5 year olds
10:30 am	3 years and under	12:30 pm	<i>Special Populations</i>
11:00 am	8 years and up	1:00 pm	6 & 7 year olds
11:30 am	The Mad Hatter contest	2:00 pm	Park closes

SPRING FORMAL 2006

Well, it's that time of year again, time for our annual Spring Formal. Come out for an evening of eloquent dinner, dancing, socializing and fun. Make sure you come dressed to impress! Professional photographs will be taken. Full course candlelit dinner will be served. If you would like to bring your special someone, you may pay \$35 for them also when registering. Please write the name of your guest on the registration form for our records at check-in.



LOCATION: Hilton Garden Inn, 3045 Windy Hill Rd., Atlanta
DATE: Friday, April 28th
TIMES: 7pm - 11pm
FEE: \$35 per person
NO TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED
MAXIMUM: Unlimited

Transportation Locations: 'CSP' is 1792 County Services Pkwy in Marietta, our main Parks & Recreation office parking lot. 'RSBC' is Roswell Street Baptist Church parking lot.

SPECIAL EVENTS

24th ANNUAL ATLANTA JOURNAL & CONSTITUTION INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

Come and witness the largest automotive event in Metro Atlanta. It features a wide variety of styles, including luxury vehicles, economy cars, sports cars, exotics, limited production cars, convertibles and countless other vehicles for 2006. Please eat lunch before you come.

LOCATION: Georgia World Congress Center, Building B
Atlanta

DATE: Wednesday, May 3

TIMES: 1:30pm - 4:30pm

FEE: \$16 per person

TRANSPORTATION: Leave Jim Miller Park lot on Callaway Rd at 1pm
Return Jim Miller Park 5pm *One location only*

*Provided to first 100 registered, includes two wheelchairs

MAXIMUM: Unlimited



ATTENTION!!!

Cell phones are allowed on the trips, however, we ask that you keep your cell phone usage down to a minimum. If your cell phone call disrupts a program you may asked by staff to turn it off until the end of the program. We do not want to disturb others. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

SWEET AUBURN FESTIVAL

Do you enjoy festivals? Well, you'll love this one. Come join us for the 24th annual Sweet Auburn Spring-Fest. The festival is three fun-filled days of activities to choose from, 10 stages of live entertainment, an artists market, a fantastic fun zone for kids, and a health & fitness pavilion. Please eat lunch before you come.



LOCATION: Auburn Avenue, Atlanta

DATES: Saturday, May 13th

TIMES: 1:30pm - 4:30pm

FEE: \$6 per person

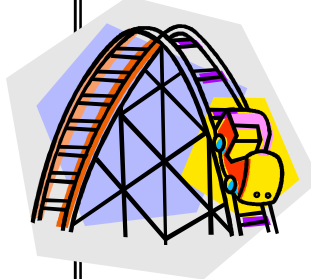
TRANSPORTATION: For the first 100 registered, including two wheelchairs
Leave CSP 1pm / Return 5pm
One location only

MAXIMUM: Unlimited



Transportation Locations: 'CSP' is 1792 County Services Parkway in Marietta, our main Parks & Recreation office parking lot. 'RSBC' is Roswell Street Baptist Church parking lot.

SPECIAL EVENTS



LAKE WINNIEPESAUKAH AMUSEMENT PARK

Come join the fun and travel with us to Lake Winnepesaukah to experience 35 rides and attractions designed for all. This is sure to be an exciting trip filled with thrilling, breathtaking and some relaxing rides throughout the park. Lunch will be provided.

LOCATION: Lake Winnepesaukah Amusement Park
Rossville, GA
DATE: Saturday, June 17th
TIMES: 9am - 5pm
FEE: \$28 per person
TRANSPORTATION: For first 100 registered, including two wheelchairs
Leave CSP 8am / Return 6pm *One location only*
MAXIMUM: Unlimited

CAMP HORIZON

Registration for **Returning 2005 Campers ONLY:**

Wednesday, April 19th @ ALL THREE LOCATIONS from 6-7pm

Registration for **New Campers:**

Wednesday, April 26th @ Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Administration Building,
1792 County Service Parkway from 6-7pm *New campers must call the TRS Unit at
770-819-3257 to schedule an assessment/placement interview as soon as possible

Fee: \$85 per week

Camp Hours: 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday (Before & After Care provided, currently at no charge)
Before Care as early as 7:30am-9am, After Care from 4pm-NO LATER THAN 5:30pm

Dates For Camp:

June 12-16, June 19-23 & June 26-30, July 10-14, July 17-21 & July 24-28

We are not able to accept campers on a one-to-one ratio nor can we accept campers under the age of seven. Camp Horizon is for ages 7-21.

Camp locations: Fair Oaks Rec. Center, Fullers Rec. Center & Ward Rec. Center



SPECIAL EVENTS



AFTERNOON SOCIALS

You are cordially invited to attend one or all of our 'Afternoon Socials' at the Thompson Community Center. The facility lobby will be available to sit and chat with your friends and the new game room will have lots of action with table tennis, foosball, darts & other games. Please eat lunch before you come. Light refreshments will be served. No transportation provided. Please indicate on the registration form if you are interested in dropping by or call the day before to ensure enough refreshments for all. We must have an updated medical form on anyone being left at the center.

This is open to ages 16&up.

Location: Thompson Community Center, 555 Nickajack Road, Mableton

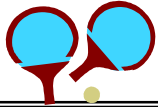
Dates: Friday's: April 21st, May 19th & June 16th

Times: 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Fee: None, this is a **FREE** social event

* No Transportation Provided

Maximum: As many friends as we can gather



Hope to see you there! Please don't forget to RSVP



MR & MISS COBB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION SPECIAL POPULATIONS PAGEANT 2006

August 24th from 6pm-9pm at the Jennie T. Anderson Theater

We would like to extend an invitation to all special populations ages 16 & up to compete in our Mr. & Miss Cobb County TRS 2006 pageant. Must be a resident of Cobb County in order to participate. The entry fee is \$50 per person. Application deadline is Friday, July 28, 2006. If you are interested in participating, please contact Tiffani Ephrom at 770-819-3257 or email her at: tiffani.ephrom@cobbcounty.org



Each participant will be required to perform a 2-4 minute talent piece, answer a short question and participate in the sportswear and evening wear segments of the pageant.

Practice will be July 19th from 6-8pm at the Parks main office (1792 County Services Parkway) and the MANDATORY dress rehearsal is August 23rd from 6pm-9pm at the Anderson Theater on South Marietta Parkway. Please wear your 'Sunday best' to the dress rehearsal because photos will be taken.

SPRING QUARTER SOCIAL CLUB EVENTS

The goal of the social clubs is to promote independence by providing leisure opportunities that increase social interaction skills, leisure awareness, leisure activity skills and community awareness. The clubs are designed according to age as well as functioning levels. Each participant is assessed to determine the most appropriate club placement. TRS staff performs the assessments with input from the parent/guardian. The TRS staff makes the final placement and observes the participant for a period of time to make sure the placement is appropriate. The TRS staff may make changes when needed. Fees are charged for the clubs on a quarterly basis. Three to five activities are planned per quarter. Input of activity ideas from the club members is encouraged. Social Clubs, as well as all Special Events are for ages 16 and older.

Explorers 21

Circus (5/1)
Ren. Fest (5/6)
Bingo (6/8)

Explorers 31

Circus (5/1)
Ren. Fest (5/20)
Bingo (6/15)

Explorers 41

Circus (5/1)
Ren. Fest (5/6)
Bingo (6/22)

Voyagers

Braves (4/8)
Bingo (4/27)
Circus (5/5)

Red Dreamers

Bingo (4/11)
Circus (5/4)
Mountasia (6/10)

Yellow Dreamers

Bingo (4/20)
Circus (5/5)
Mountasia (6/24)

Blue Dreamers

Circus (5/4)
Bingo (5/11)
Mountasia (6/24)

Green Dreamers

Circus (5/4)
Bingo (5/11)
Mountasia (6/10)

Drifters

Braves (4/8)
Bingo (4/18)
Circus (5/1)

Travelers

Braves (4/8)
Circus (5/1)
Bingo (5/25)

Shrine Circus: It's circus time again! See spectacular circus acts and of course, the famous Yaarab Shrine clowns. Refreshments served during the show. Bring money for games on the midway or souvenirs. Please eat dinner before you come.

Leave CSP 6pm / RSBC 6:30pm, Return RSBC 10pm / CSP 10:30pm

Bingo & Ice Cream Social: Everyone is a guaranteed winner this night! Go home with the prize of your choice. Afterwards, you can create your own ice cream treat with all your favorite toppings. Please eat dinner before this event.

Leave CSP 6pm / RSBC 6:30pm, Return RSBC 9pm / CSP 9:30pm

Mountasia Fun Day: Join your friends for a day of fun at Mountasia. Enjoy go-carts, miniature golf and arcade fun. Lunch will be provided.

Leave CSP 10am / RSBC 10:30am, Return RSBC 2pm / CSP 2:30pm

Braves Tour: Come tour the home of the Braves and see Turner Field like never before. We will go behind the scenes and tour the stadium and museum. Walk along the field, sit in the Braves dugout and visit the locker room.

Leave CSP 11:30am / RSBC 12pm, Return RSBC 3pm / CSP 3:30pm

Renaissance Festival: Travel back in time to the Renaissance period. Enjoy the many shows while feasting on a giant turkey leg or other treat. There will also be plenty of time to shop! Bring money for souvenirs. Lunch provided.

Leave CSP 10am / RSBC 10:30am, Return RSBC 4pm / CSP 4:30pm

Transportation Locations: 'CSP' is 1792 County Services Parkway in Marietta, our main Parks & Recreation office parking lot. 'RSBC' is Roswell Street Baptist Church parking lot.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!



APRIL

Lorraine Atwater
Aaren Panichi
Brian Smith
Susan Buter
Olan Hembree
Thiago Carvalho
Denise Hayman
James Small

Robert Goodwyn
George Glozer
Michael Wiseman
Aljanon Gunn
Shakita Milton
Kyle Neely
Sasa Esfandiari
Kyle Anderson

Justin Yagadics
Kathy Klimaitis
Thomas Blackwell
Steven Long
Jason Brassell
Michael Haney
Larry Rutherford
Jeff McNabb

MAY

Melvina Artis
James McFarlen
Jessica Griffith
Anastasia Smith
Madeline Petrone
Alex Trenh
Amanda Dawson
Cassie Tapp
Heather Porter

Steven Pitts
Michelle Watson
Stephen Stokley
Eric Greenhood
Ralph Twilley
Deborah Curry
Tosha Mulligan
Tiffany Wickberg
John Hilke
Michele Martos

Renee Pickelsimer
Melanie Sapienza
Dax Howard
Robert Webb
Angela Herfurth
Rebecca Tanner
Donnie Britten
James McPullen
Nicole Mitchell

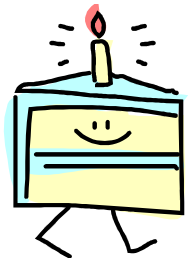


JUNE

Martha Clegg
Leslie Tedeschi
Michael Beckert
Tatsuya Yamamoto
Cristen Goodwin
Amon Green
Alison Tabb
Will Birkhimer
Amanda Herc

Paul McGriff
Sonya Backus
Hanniel Alioha
Shannon Darby
Samuel Quarles
Samuel Landrum
Allison Blake
Susan Porter
Judith Platek

Thomas Bryner
Tyler Harris
Tim Gilbert
Tonya Smith
Kelly Kettles
Katie Bender
Matt McCloud
Michael Morie
Tawnya Austin

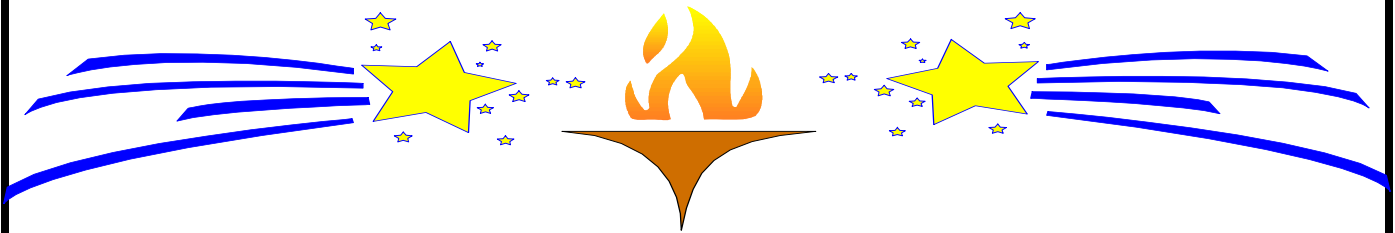


If your birthday is in one of these months and you don't see your name, please call Cara and let her know. Be sure to always print your birth date and all other information clearly on any forms you submit to our office.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS GEORGIA - COBB

770-819-3262 or 3261 office / 770-819-3218 fax

Thank you for your interest in our program. Special Olympics is a year round program of training and competition for children (ages 8 & up) and adults with special needs. Participants receive opportunities to increase physical fitness, demonstrate courage, and develop friendships with other Special Olympics athletes and the community. Special Olympics offers a variety of athletic opportunities including bowling, gymnastics, ice skating, basketball, softball, and tennis to name a few. Athlete's practice/train for at least 8 weeks before state level competitions. **Please note the time of year during which your sport is held** and expect to be contacted by your coach. If you do not hear from your coach, please contact our office. Additionally, Cobb County is looking for athletes interested in Unified Sports. Unified Sports are programs that pair a special athlete with a corporate athlete or community athlete for training and competition.



Eligibility

In Special Olympics, you must be at least 8 years of age and be diagnosed by an agency or professional with one of the following conditions: mental retardation, cognitive delays as measured by formal assessment, or significant learning or vocation challenges due to cognitive delays that require or have required specially designed instructions.

How Do You Get To Participate?

Call Ann Bonds at (770) 819-3262 or Kim Battiste at (770) 819-3261 and request a registration packet. Each athlete must complete the following: a physical exam by a licensed examiner, a Special Olympics medical form, 'Application for Participation', and the Sports Selection/Yearly Registration form. When this packet is completed and returned to our office, you will receive a call from the coach of your selected sport. He/she will give you information regarding training, practice dates, and more. As a guide, please note on the registration form which time of year your selected sport is held.

Cobb County Training Programs

Cobb County offers a number of programs in which athletes receive coaching and training in certain sports specifically for competition in Special Olympic meets. Interested in coaching and/or serving on the Special Olympic Management Team? *We need your support!* Contact us at (770) 819-3261 or 3262, Thompson Community Center, 555 Nickajack Road, Mableton, GA 30126.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS GEORGIA-COBB



Come out and support our awesome Cobb softball teams as they compete against teams from all over the Southeast!

Special Populations Coca-Cola
Classic Softball Tournament
September 9, 2006

Al Bishop Softball Complex
1082 Al Bishop Dr., Marietta

Please call our office for game times if you'd like to watch the Cobb teams play

SOGA Summer Games 2006



June 2nd - 4th
At Emory University
Atlanta



To volunteer for state competitions, call
the SOGA Office
at 770-414-9390



Masters Bowling 2006
July 14th - 16th
Columbus, GA

As always, we welcome new athletes, volunteers, coaches and partners. Please refer interested parties to our office for an application packet.

SOGA-COBB MANAGEMENT TEAM MEMBERS

Norma Jo Bales, Secretary Chair
Joe Bridgers, Volunteer Chair
Kittie Caston, Training Chair
Nancy Futral, Parent Chair
Victor Fair, Athlete Representative
D'Jon McNair, Chairperson
Megan McRoberts, Outreach Chair
Judi O'Connor, Treasurer
Kim Watson, Fundraising Chair

Local Management Team Meetings

3rd Monday of each month @ 7pm
Thompson Park Community Center
555 Nickajack Rd., Mableton, GA 30126

Summer Games Practices

Level A Aquatics (Begins Feb 21)	Mt View Aquatic Center	Tuesday's 6:00-6:30pm	Ages 8-12
Aquatics (Begins Feb 21)	Mt View Aquatic Center	Tuesday's 7:00-8:00pm	Ages 12&up
Volleyball (March 19)	Central Aquatic Center	Tuesday's 7:00-7:45pm	Ages 8-16
Track & Field (March 5)	Central Aquatic Center	Tuesday's 7:30-8:30pm	Ages 16&up
Tennis (March 18)	Fullers Park	Sunday's 1:00-3:00pm	All Ages
Artistic Gymnastics	Osborne High School	Sunday's 1:00-2:30pm	All Ages
Table Tennis (March 5)	Fair Oaks Tennis Center	Saturday's 3:30-4:30pm	All Ages
	Chatooga Gym	Days & times vary - call coach	
	Smyrna Community Center	Tuesday's 6:30-7:30pm	

ATTENTION BOWLERS!!!!

Would you be interested in group practices during June & July? ☐ Yes or ☐ No

If yes, what time would be best?

☐ Mornings, ☐ Afternoons or ☐ Evenings?

Please let Ann or Kim know your answers

SE Regional Tennis practices will be on Monday's, January 30th-March 6th at Fair Oaks Tennis Center from 6-7:30pm. The athletes will leave for Hilton Head, SC at 8am on March 13th. For more information, please call Coaches Jeanie or Jim Hamm at 770-998-7826



Special Olympics
Georgia-Cobb

Don't forget to check out the Special Olympics Georgia website:

www.specialolympicsga.org

Get information on upcoming events, clinics and see pictures of athletes in action



We are searching for a name for our new
Special Olympics Georgia-Cobb Newsletter

SOGA-Cobb recently published the first edition of our quarterly newsletter. This is a great way for us to get information about our program to athletes, coaches, families, volunteers and the community. We need a great name for our publication. If you have ideas for a name, please submit them to our office as soon as possible.

WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!!



Please let us know if you have any suggestions for Social Club activities, special events or outings. You can call, email or include a sticky note with the quarterly registration. Just get your ideas to us.



Our TRS program is considered to be the best in the area and we'd like to keep it that way. We strive to offer the most fun and interesting activities possible. Please help us out by telling us what you'd like to see offered. We would like to hear from the parents and caregivers but especially from the participants themselves. We need to know what your interests are.



Whether it's classes or themes for dances or trips. Any suggestions would be helpful and very much appreciated.

Thank you for your time!

COBB COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SERVICES**Participant Medical Information Form**

This form will expire in two years.

Date _____

It is imperative that you notify us of any changes in condition or medications during the year.If registering more than one participant, **please** complete an additional form.**This form must be completely filled out before we will register the participant.****Participant Information**

Participant's Name (Last) _____ (First) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

Female ____ Male ____ Age ____ Birthdate _____ School/Service Center _____

Teacher/Case Mgr _____ Phone: (____) _____ Pager: (____) _____

Circle All That Apply:

Mild Intellectual Disability

Moderate Intellectual Disability

Severe Intellectual Disability

Profound Intellectual Disability

Emotional & Behavioral Disorder

Specific Learning Disability

Orthopedic Impairment

Hearing Impairment

Visual Impairment

Speech-Language Impairment

Autism Pervasive Developmental Delay

Traumatic Brain Injury

Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

Attention Deficit Disorder

Fragile X Syndrome

Other Health Impairment(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Mother's Name _____ Father's Name _____

Address (if different from above) _____

Mother's Home Phone (____) _____ Mother's Work Phone (____) _____

Father's Home Phone (____) _____ Father's Work Phone (____) _____

Alternate Emergency Contact _____ Relationship to Participant _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

PARTICIPANT MEDICAL INFORMATION:**Please check or circle the correct response, complete each category and list any other information you feel CCPRCAD should be aware of to provide safe and enjoyable activities for the individual being registered.****MEDICAL CONDITIONS:** Diabetes Shunts Braces/Canes/Walker Hearing Aid Ear Tubes Catheter
Needs Interpreter Glasses Wheelchair (type) _____ Verbal Communication _____
Allergies (specific) _____ Other _____**SEIZURES:** Yes ____ No ____ Epilepsy Yes ____ No ____ Are seizures controlled by medication? Yes ____ No ____
Date of last seizure: _____ Type of seizure and treatment desired: _____**MEDICATION:** Type, Dosage/Time _____ Type, Dosage/Time _____
Comments _____

For participants needing more assistance than a reminder to take prescribed medication, please check _____. A permission form must be obtained, signed and returned to CCPRCAD in order for staff to assist. Contact CCPRCAD to obtain a form.

DOCTOR'S NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____***PLEASE COMPLETE BACK OF FORM IN ENTIRETY***

PARTICIPANT MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM.....continued

SAFETY: CCPRCAD is committed to conducting programs with the utmost safety and concern for participants. Those registering for programs must recognize, however, that there are potential risks of injury when participating in recreation programs. CCPRCAD continually strives to reduce such risks and provides safety rules and instructions to protect participants.

INSURANCE: Cobb County carries liability insurance only. The cost of medical insurance coverage for injuries would make program fees prohibitive, therefore it is the responsibility of each individual or family to **provide their own medical insurance**. CCPRCAD must have the following information, however, in case of an emergency.

Medical Insurance Co _____ Policy # _____

PARTICIPANT INSURANCE: Participants enrolled in Cobb Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs programs can purchase insurance at a cost of \$6.00 per person. Effective dates are from **January through December**. I wish to purchase insurance. Yes _____ No _____.

CCPRCAD provides an approximate 1:4 staff to participant ratio. Please note if participant requires a closer ratio and why:

Inappropriate Activities: _____

Areas/goals to work toward: _____

Please indicate under what circumstances, if any, participant may be without leader supervision (i.e. to leave for home on own, etc.)

IS A BUS AIDE REQUIRED? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, explain why: _____

SWIM INFORMATION: Beginner _____ Advanced Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____ Diving _____

TOILETING ASSISTANCE: Yes _____ No _____ If yes, explain why: _____

Release of information permission for CCPRCAD to contact school/workshop staff concerning the participant's needs: Yes _____ No _____.

OTHER INFORMATION WE MAY FIND HELPFUL TO KNOW:

Photo permission for CCPRCAD publicity purposes: Yes _____ No _____.

**RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT
PERMISSION TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT**

Realizing the nature of this program, its physical demands and how important it is to follow rules, regulations, and instructions outlined by the staff of the Cobb County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, I am, to the best of my knowledge, in good health and able to participate in the program.

I authorize the staff of the Cobb County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department to organize any required medical or first aid procedure, or to take the undersigned to a hospital emergency room for treatment. If any major treatment is required, I understand that every effort will be made to notify the individual indicated as emergency contact beforehand by telephone.

The undersigned hereby forever releases, discharges, and covenants to hold harmless Cobb County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, Cobb County Recreation Board, Cobb Arts Board, Cobb County Board of Commissioners and Cobb County, Georgia, and any other person, firm, corporation charged or chargeable with responsibility or liability, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assignees from any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, loss of services, actions and causes of action belonging to the undersigned or arising out of any act or occurrence in connection and particularly on account of all personal injury, disability, property damage, loss or damages of any kind sustained or that may hereafter be sustained arising out of the matters described herein or in consequence of the participation in the recreation program sponsored by the Cobb County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department. The undersigned hereby bind their heirs, administrators, executors and successors. Further, this agreement shall apply to all unknown and unanticipated injuries and damages directly or indirectly resulting here-from. This Release and Hold Harmless Agreement shall constitute a full and complete release of any and all claims.

DATE: _____ BY: _____ (Signature of **Participant**)

DATE: _____ BY: _____ (**Parent or Guardian**)

NOTE: Signature of participant and parent/guardian are both required if participant is **under age 19**, or is registered for a program for the mentally or physically disabled, or other special population member. In order that the Department assures compliance with ADA (American with Disabilities Act), if you have a specific physical or service accessibility need, please make the staff that work with the program/facilities aware so that we can reasonably accommodate your need.

Please return to: Cobb County Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs (CCPRCAD)
TRS Unit / 555 Nickajack Road / Mableton, GA 30126

TRS SPRING 2006 REGISTRATION FORM

If you are not registering but wish to remain on mailing list, please send in completed top portion or call our office.

Participant First & Last Name _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____ City _____, GA Zip _____ County _____

Home Phone () _____ Group Home Case Mgr & # _____

Parent/Guardian
Name _____ **Relationship** _____

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____

Cell Phone () _____ Pager Number () _____

Alternate Emergency Contact _____ Relationship to Participant _____

Home Phone () _____ Cell Phone/Pager () _____

Do you live within city limits? ____yes ____no Have an e-mail address? _____

Check the programs you want to register for:

Social Club.....\$35 _____	Sweet Auburn Festival.....\$6 _____
Grant Funded Art Program.....Free _____	Lake Winnepesaukah.....\$28 _____
Tennis Class.....\$20 _____	Afternoon Socials @ Thompson.....Free _____
Bowling Class.....\$30 _____	Mr. & Miss Special Populations 2006.....\$50 _____
Spring Formal.....\$35 x _____ = _____	Insurance (Once Yearly).....\$6 _____
Name of guest: _____	Non-Resident Fee of \$25.....\$ _____
Auto Show.....\$16 _____	Total Fee: \$ _____

SOGA-Cobb Bowlers: Want group practice in June & July? ____ Yes or ____ No

If yes: Are ____ Mornings, ____ Afternoons or ____ Evenings better?

Member of _____ Social Club

When providing transportation, do you require wheelchair accessibility? ____Yes or ____No

Please specify the drop off/pick up location you will be regularly using. ____CSP or ____RSBC

FOR STAFF USE ONLY

Total Amt. Paid \$ _____ Receipt # _____ Check # _____ Staff Initials _____

Name on Receipt _____ Date _____

We now accept MasterCard & Visa! You may call in your registration with your credit card number and expiration date handy or bring it with you for walk in registration.
Please DO NOT write your credit card number on this form for mail in registration.

COBB COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SERVICES UNIT

555 Nickajack Road * Mableton, GA 30126 * 770-819-3215 office / 770-819-3218 fax

Volunteers Needed

Our volunteers are a very valuable part of our program. If you are interested in helping with our programs, please complete this form and return it during registration (Before March 15th, 2006).

***Background checks and general orientation must be completed prior to volunteering.**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please check the event(s) / outings for which you would like to volunteer :

CLASSES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Afternoon Bowling (4/13, 20, 27, 5/4, 11 & 18) _____ International Auto Show (5/3) _____

Sweet Auburn Festival (5/13) _____

SOCIAL CLUB OUTINGS

Explorers 21

Circus (5/1) _____

Ren. Fest (5/6) _____

Bingo (6/8) _____

Explorers 31

Circus (5/1) _____

Ren. Fest (5/20) _____

Bingo (6/15) _____

Explorers 41

Circus (5/1) _____

Ren. Fest (5/6) _____

Bingo (6/22) _____

Voyagers

Braves (4/8) _____

Bingo (4/27) _____

Circus (5/5) _____

Red Dreamers

Bingo (4/13) _____

Circus (5/4) _____

Mountasia (6/10) _____

Yellow Dreamers

Bingo (4/20) _____

Circus (5/5) _____

Mountasia (6/24) _____

Blue Dreamers

Circus (5/4) _____

Bingo (5/11) _____

Mountasia (6/24) _____

Green Dreamers

Circus (5/4) _____

Bingo (5/11) _____

Mountasia (6/10) _____

Drifters

Braves (4/8) _____

Bingo (4/18) _____

Circus (5/1) _____

Travelers

Braves (4/8) _____

Circus (5/1) _____

Bingo (5/25) _____

We will call Volunteers a week before the event to confirm. If you cannot attend an event that you've signed up to volunteer for, please notify us as quickly as possible. Please call Kevin Hill @ (770) 819-3256 for more information.

REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRING QUARTER IS MARCH 15TH. REGISTRATION FORMS
MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 15TH IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE